



Greater Southwest Awards Contract for Energy Conservation Measures in Texas

The Greater Southwest Region's Energy team signed a contract with TXU Electric and Gas and Custom Energy to implement energy conservation measures in the Centre V Federal Building in Farmers Branch, Texas. The contract calls for new chillers, lighting, and other measures for the building, currently occupied by the Internal Revenue Service. This \$1.9 million contract will save approximately \$180,000 annually in energy, and operation and maintenance costs. This is the first energy conservation measure contract for the Region. Several other potential contracts are being evaluated. Contact: Carol Lautzenheiser, (817) 978-6165.

Greater Southwest Region Awards Energy Savings Performance Contract for Austin



The Greater Southwest Region, recently awarded an Energy Savings Performance Contract for eight federally owned buildings in Austin, Texas. The project includes several energy and water conservation measures, as well as modifications. The project, which is financed by a private source, guarantees utility and maintenance cost savings of over \$374,000 per year. Contact: Mark Trimarchi, (817) 978-2553 or Carol Lautzenheiser, (817) 978-6165.

PBS Greater Southwest Region Receives 1999-2000 Energy Star Label Awards

The Greater Southwest Region is proud to announce 14 GSA buildings that have recently received the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Label Awards by demonstrating energy performance in the top 25% of the office buildings market while maintaining indoor air environment requirements for air quality, thermal comfort and lighting performance. The 1999 Energy Star Labels were awarded to the A. Maceo Smith Federal Building, Dallas, TX and the Fritz G. Lanham Federal Building, Fort Worth, TX. The 2000 awards were presented to the US Customhouse, New Orleans, LA; Federal Building/Courthouse, Lafayette, LA; Hale Boggs Federal Building/Courthouse, New Orleans, LA; J.M. Wisdom US Courts and Appeals, New Orleans, LA; G.T. Mickey Leland Federal Building, Houston, TX; Ward Burke Courthouse, Lufkin, TX; J. Marvin Jones Federal Building, Amarillo, TX; Federal Building/Courthouse, Muskogee, OK; US Federal Courthouse, Shreveport, LA; G. Mahon Federal Building, Midland, TX; Federal Building, Claremore, OK; and Federal Building, El Paso, TX. These buildings are entitled to wear the 1999-2000 Energy Star Labels, the Mark of Excellence in Energy Performance. Contact: James Kuo, (817) 978-4454

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Federal Protective Service (FPS) MEGACENTERS

Every once in a while, a simple, yet important idea comes along that dramatically changes and improves the way things are done. The new FPS Megacenter is just such an idea.

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Lessons learned from the Oklahoma City and World Trade Center disasters placed government security organizations on notice. The rules have changed and new, creative approaches to security management are being employed to meet these challenges. The FPS Megacenters are responding to the challenges by providing enhanced service at a reasonable cost.

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Continuity Of Operations Planning (COOP)

GSA is conducting a 3-day development training course for Federal Management and Emergency Planners on COOP.

All Federal agencies and organizations, by law and Executive Order, must have the capability to maintain continuous operations following any emergency. Planning to meet the demands of a wide spectrum of emergency scenarios is necessary and is accomplished by developing a COOP. The course is designed to Identify your organizational needs; specify your operational requirements; develop your COOP implementation strategy; create an organizational vision; and complete your draft COOP. Registration is \$275 per person and the 3-day course is scheduled twice a month beginning in February 2000.

For registration and course location information, contact Ms. Linda Grinnage, GSA Emergency Coordinator, at (202) 501-0012 or e-mail linda.grinnage@gsa.gov.

Greater Southwest Regions Hosts GSA/INS Partnership Meeting

On December 7, representatives from each of the GSA regions and central office met with personnel from Immigration and Naturalization Service headquarters and administrative centers in Ft. Worth, Texas, to discuss the INS request to have GSA support all their real estate activities through three "Gateway" regions in Boston, Ft. Worth, and San Francisco. The "Gateway" regions will coordinate with the three INS administrative centers in Burlington, Vermont; Dallas, Texas; and Laguna Niguel, California, and serve as a central source of information on all of the INS real estate activities. Other issues discussed included GSA's new pricing policy, occupancy agreements, the PBS "First Impressions" initiative, and new INS guidelines for lease acquisition. Contact: Tracy Graham, (817) 978-2570.

TIME IS MONEY – GSA contracts save you time and money!

The General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service, Greater Southwest Region has awarded the following multi-state, multiple vendor contracts that are available for use by all Federal Agencies: Nationwide Modular Buildings (Lease/Purchase), Indefinite Quantity contracts for General Construction with Design/Build Capabilities, Roofing, Paving/Road Repair; Appraisal Services, Architectural and Engineering Services, Asbestos Abatement, Boiler Inspections, Chiller Maintenance, Elevator (Inspections, Maintenance, and Repair), Energy, Management Systems, Energy Service Performance, Environmental Management & Industrial Hygiene, Fire Alarm Systems (Inspection, Testing, Repair, Maintenance and Parts), Office Relocation and Storage, OSH and Fire Safety Surveys, Security Equipment Repair and Maintenance, Security/Guard Services, Space Occupancy Services, and Utility Audit..



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Greater Southwest Region Co-sponsors Forum on Border Issues

The Greater Southwest Region, along with the State of Texas, the Republic of Mexico, and the U.S. Department of Energy co-sponsored "Border Forum IV" in San Antonio, Texas. The Forum provided both countries the opportunity to discuss problems and solutions related to energy, environmental, and economic development along the U.S./Mexican border. Common problems of air quality, energy use, and transportation development were explored. GSA's Greater Southwest Regional Administrator, John Pouland, highlighted GSA's strong commitment to improving the energy-efficiency of U.S. border stations through adaptive renovation of existing structures. Contact: Gary Alexander, (817) 978-2321.

**GSA's Design
Excellence Program,
initiated in 1994, is cited
by Architecture magazine
as one of the Top 100
important events of the
20th Century.**

CDC Commends Site Acquisition & Relocation Center of Expertise (SARCOE)

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) commended the PBS Site Acquisition & Relocation Center of Expertise (SARCOE) for its work on the \$16 million property acquisition for the CDC expansion in Atlanta, Georgia. In a letter from Joe Carter, CDC Associate Director for Management & Operations, SARCOE received high marks for their professional handling of the complex issues involved in the acquisition of the 44 parcel site. Contact: Jan Kuykendall, (817) 978-0347.



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